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FOR COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT FROM BLACKWILL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: INAUGURAL ALASTAIR BUCHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

1. CHRISTOPH BERTRAM ASKED THAT I GET THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (ORIGINAL POUCHED)
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR HAL: IT IS WITH VERY GREAT REGRET THAT WE LEARNED THAT THE SECRETARY WILL NOW NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE THE INAUGURAL ALASTAIR BUCHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE ON MAY 27. HOWEVER, WE VERY MUCH COUNT ON HIS BEING ABLE TO COME IN JUNE AND I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU SUGGESTED ON THE PHONE WHEN WE TALKED ON APRIL 14 THAT I SHOULD LIAISE ON THIS DIRECTLY WITH YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

INDEED FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND EFFORT IN THIS MATTER. BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO THE SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION THE WIDEST POSSIBLE EXPOSURE, WE HAVE ENQUIRED ABOUT A SUITABLE HALL, TO SEAT UP TO 600 PEOPLE, DURING THE WEEK STARTING JUNE 21. ON THIS BASIS, THERE ARE THREE POSSIBLE DATES DURING THAT WEEK:

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1. MONDAY, JUNE 21 IN THE EVENING - FIRST PREFERENCE

2. FRIDAY, JUNE 25 IN THE EVENING - SECOND PREFERENCE

3. THURSDAY, JUNE 24 - THIRD PREFERENCE

WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME TO HAVE DR. KISSINGER WITH US FOR A SMALL DINNER PARTY, TO BE HOSTED BY THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN ERNST VAN DER BEUGEL TO WHICH WE INTEND TO INVITE, IN ADDITION TO ALASTAIR'S WIFE, A SMALL NUMBER OF THE INSTITUTE'S OLD FRIENDS, LIKE RAYMOND ARON, TED SOMMER, MICHAEL HOWARD AND DENIS HEALEY. AS ERNST VAN DER BEUGEL HAS WRITTEN TO THE SECRETARY, WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE MRS. KISSINGER WITH US AS WELL AND I HOPE THAT YOU COULD COME TOO. WHEN WE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THE 27TH MAY, WE GAVE AN OPTION TO THE SECRETARY OF EITHER A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW THE LECTURE OR THIS KIND OF INTIMATE DINNER AND HE CHOSE THE LATTER WHICH IS VERY

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MUCH OUR OWN PREFERENCE.

I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN FIX AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A SUITABLE DATE OF THE THREE MENTIONED ABOVE FOR JUNE. I HAVE TOLD ALASTAIR'S WIFE THAT DR. KISSINGER WOULD COME AND SHE WAS VERY MOVED ABOUT THIS, THE COUNCIL HAS EXPRESSED ITS GREAT APPRECIATION, AND THE INSTITUTE'S MEMBERSHIP WOULD VALUE HIS CONTRIBUTION VERY HIGHLY. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD MAKE SURE THAT HIS PRESENTATION GETS THE MAXIMUM EXPOSURE, BY INVITING THE LEADING SPOKESMEN IN FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE OPPOSITION PARTIES AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND OF INDUSTRY.

WHAT I FIND MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT WE MAKE THIS IN-  
DEED AN OCCASION TO HONOR ALASTAIR, AND I CAN THINK OF NO  
ONE WHO COULD DO THIS BETTER THAN THE SECRETARY OF STATE.  
THIS DOES MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD NEED A COMMIT-  
MENT ON THE DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO PREPARE  
THE OCCASION ADEQUATELY. OTHERWISE, IN PARTICULAR IF THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN  
AND THE DATE CHANGED AGAIN, THE OCCASION MIGHT LOSE THE  
DIGNITY AND IMPACT WHICH IT SO VERY MUCH MERITS.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP IN THIS. I HAVE  
SENT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO BOB BLACKWILL. END TEXT

3. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO AT  
THIS END.

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